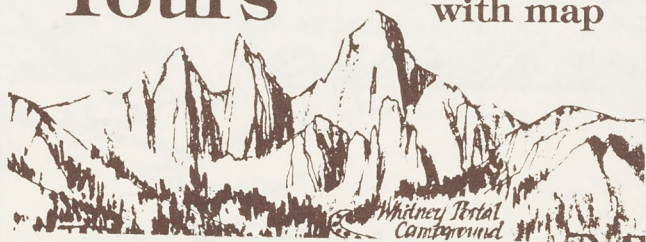


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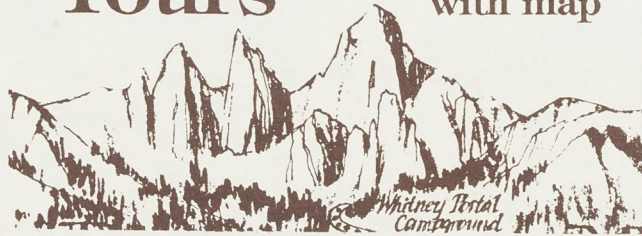
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(Golden Trout Route) ● HORSESHOE MEADOW (20 mi. up, an hour's drive to the road end), a scenic drive to 8,700 foot high summer fishing streams, campgrounds, a pack station, and trailheads to the Cottonwood Lakes, source of native golden trout; also a world-record launch for hang gliders at Walt's Point.

Tour No. 5 VILLAGE VISITS LOOP 1/2 DAY TO 1 DAY, APPROX. 52 MILES

● THE CHARCOAL KILNS (about 15 miles south of Lone Pine, turn east at marker toward the dry lake) were used in the 1870s to supply charcoal to the surrounding mines -- ● CARTAGO (south 7 1/2 mi.) was once the site of a steamship dock and station for teamsters hauling bullion from the Cerro Gordo silver mines (See tour No. 2, Owens Lake) -- ● OLANCHA (south 3 mi.), before the 1870s was a supply depot for Owens Valley settlers. Note the row of cottonwood trees sprouted from early fenceposts lining the highway in town -- ● SAND DUNES and DIRTY SOX SPRINGS (east 3 mi.) features fossil bed areas, hot springs where Cerro Gordo miners once bathed and an old cemetery and caves from an early settlement of Chinese mineworkers -- ● KEELER (northeast 18 mi.) situated below the mines in the Inyo Mountains, was a home for early miners and the "end of the line" depot for the Carson and Colorado narrow gauge railroad -- ● SWANSEA SMELTER HISTORICAL MARKER (north 6 mi.) marks the adobe remnants of a Cerro Gordo silver smelter, once also an overnight stage stop. -- ● CERRO GORDO MINE private tours can be arranged (for 4 wheel drive vehicle only) by calling Jody Stewart, (619) 876-4154.

Tour No. 6 DESERT RATS WINTER TOUR 1 DAY, 140 MILES ROUND-TRIP TO LONE PINE (For 4-Wheel Drive and Hearty Hikers only. Carry plenty of WATER and LUNCH!)

● DARWIN (40 miles southeast of Lone Pine plus 6 miles off main road) is an old desert mining town, still populated, with mill ruins, tailings and a museum/gallery. Call (619) 876-5427 for gallery use or local tours -- ● CHINA GARDEN SPRING (12 mi. east below town, walk 1/8 mi. east, continue along the creek from China Garden Spring, hike or climb down rugged canyon), the springs are the community water source, and a surprising freshwater oasis in the desert area. The 20-foot ribbon falls may be reached from below the wash (Note: from here you can 4-wheel down Darwin Wash for 6.5 mi. to Hwy. 190, or backtrack to 190 via Darwin and continue east.) -- ● PANA-

MINT SPRINGS RESORT (17 mi. from Darwin turn-off), a last green stop for food, lodging and fuel en route to Death Valley National Monument. -- ● FATHER CROWLEY POINT MONUMENT (7 1/2 mi. west on 190), a plaque marks a beautiful, deep desert canyon on the pass.

Tour No. 7 INDEPENDENCE 2 HOURS TO 1/2 DAY, APPROX. 27 MILES

● TULE ELK VIEWING AREA (5 1/2 mi. north), certain periods during the year, tule elk graze in an area near the highway -- ● MANZANAR GATE (2 mi. north), originally an orchard and farm, during WWII became a relocation camp for Japanese Americans -- ● WINNEDUMAH ROCK VIEW (just south of Independence), the stone "maiden" of Paiute legend is visible in a low pass in the Inyo Mountains to the east -- ● EASTERN CALIFORNIA MUSEUM, (in town, 2 blocks west of Main St.), established in 1928, displays a reconstructed ghost town, pioneer history, Indian artifacts, ranching and mining equipment, and nature and Manzanar displays -- ● THE INYO COUNTY COURTHOUSE (center of Independence), classical styling, with gardens highlighted by tufa rock, many imported tree specimens -- ● THE SLIM PRINCESS TRAIN ENGINE (at Dehy Park, Main St.), once rode the narrow gauge tracks through the Owens Valley and into Nevada -- Historic buildings in town include -- ● THE COMMANDER'S HOUSE from Fort Independence, ● PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH built in 1886, and ● author MARY AUSTIN'S HOUSE -- ● MOUNT WHITNEY FISH HATCHERY (2 mi. N. of town, turn W. for 1/2 mile), a handsome three-story building made with native stone with a year-round picnic and garden area and fish ponds; a million and a half catchable trout are raised here each year -- ● FORT INDEPENDENCE RUINS (opposite the fish hatchery turnoff), from the fort used during the 1800s Indian wars -- ● INDEPENDENCE CREEK AND ONION VALLEY CANYON (return to town, west about 12 mi. up the creek road to the road end), offers campgrounds near an 8,500-foot high meadow, creek fishing during the season, and trail hiking past pines, wildflowers and waterfalls.

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